

Supplementary Material

Section A: Integral Representation For The Generating Function

The model dealt with in this paper, the nearest-neighbor random walk on a simple cubic lattice, is sufficiently simple enough to allow the exact representation for the generating functions to be found in terms of the function $H(\tau; \mathbf{u}|\mathbf{v})$ given in Eq.(6). Let $p^{(F)}(\mathbf{j})$ be the probability that the displacement in a single step of a random walk in free space is equal to \mathbf{j} which can take on any one of the six values $(\pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1)/6$. Let $c_i = \cos \theta_i$, $i = 1, 2, 3$. Consider, first the random walk on an absorption-free unbounded lattice. The characteristic function for such a random walk is defined in terms of the θ_i by

$$\hat{p}^{(F)}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{\mathbf{j}} p^{(F)}(\mathbf{j}) e^{i\mathbf{j} \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}} = (c_1 + c_2 + c_3)/3 \quad (\text{A1})$$

An integral representation for the propagator on an unbounded lattice is

$$p_m^{(F)}(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{r}') = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \iiint_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[\frac{1}{3}(c_1 + c_2 + c_3) \right]^m e^{-i(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}') \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}} d^3\boldsymbol{\theta} \quad (\text{A2})$$

with the corresponding generating function

$$\bar{p}^{(F)}(\zeta; \mathbf{r}|\mathbf{r}') = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} p_m^{(F)}(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{r}') \zeta^m = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \iiint_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{e^{-i(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}') \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}}}{1 - \frac{\zeta}{3}(c_1 + c_2 + c_3)} d^3\boldsymbol{\theta} \quad (\text{A3})$$

The triple integral can be reduced to a single integral by replacing the denominator by the identity $u^{-1} = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-ut} dt$ which replaces $\bar{p}_\zeta^{(F)}(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{r}')$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{p}^{(F)}(\zeta; \mathbf{r}|\mathbf{r}') &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} d\lambda \iiint_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-i(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}') \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta} + \lambda(\zeta/3)(c_1 + c_2 + c_3)} d^3\boldsymbol{\theta} \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} I_{x-x'} \left(\frac{\lambda\zeta}{3} \right) I_{y-y'} \left(\frac{\lambda\zeta}{3} \right) I_{z-z'} \left(\frac{\lambda\zeta}{3} \right) d\lambda \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.14})$$

where the $I_m(u)$ are modified Bessel functions of the first kind. The value of ζ derived from Eq.(9) is seen to be $e^{-\mu_a}/(1 + \eta)$.

To fulfill the requirement that the propagator should vanish at $z = 0$ we use the method of images to write

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{p}(\zeta; \mathbf{r}|\mathbf{r}') &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} I_{x-x'} \left(\frac{\lambda\zeta}{3} \right) I_{y-y'} \left(\frac{\lambda\zeta}{3} \right) \left[I_{z-1} \left(\frac{\lambda\zeta}{3} \right) - I_{z+1} \left(\frac{\lambda\zeta}{3} \right) \right] d\lambda \\ &= \frac{6}{\zeta} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} I_{x-x'} \left(\frac{\lambda\zeta}{3} \right) I_{y-y'} \left(\frac{\lambda\zeta}{3} \right) I_z \left(\frac{\lambda\zeta}{3} \right) \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.15})$$

which satisfies the boundary condition at $z = 0$. This expression can be represented as a Laplace transform by changing the variable of integration to $\rho = \lambda\zeta$. This leads to the integral representation

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{p}(\zeta; \mathbf{r}|\mathbf{r}') &= 6 \int_0^\infty e^{-\rho/\zeta} I_{x-x'}\left(\frac{\rho}{3}\right) I_{y-y'}\left(\frac{\rho}{3}\right) I_z\left(\frac{\rho}{3}\right) \frac{d\rho}{\rho} \\ &= 6\mathcal{L}\{H(\rho; \mathbf{r}|\mathbf{r}') \exp[-\rho(e^{\mu_a} - 1 - \mu_a)]\}\end{aligned}\tag{A.16}$$

where $\mathcal{L}\{\}$ is the Laplace transform of the bracketed terms with a Laplace parameter ηe^{μ_a} .